

Resolution of the Transit Planning Board Releasing Transit Concept for Atlanta Region for Public Review

Whereas, the Transit Planning Board was established by joint resolution of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as a result of the regional transit challenges identified in the Regional Transit Institutional Analysis; and,

Whereas, the Transit Planning Board adopted a work program calling for the development of a comprehensive plan for transit investment in the Atlanta Region; and,

Whereas, the Transit Planning Board directed staff to facilitate the creation of an unconstrained vision for transit in the Atlanta Region; and

Whereas, the board is seeking to reach agreement on a plan that represents a future vision for a regional transit, considers regional congestion issues makes use of both the extensive transit project planning work that has been done in the Atlanta Region over the past thirty years and official ARC 2030 growth and travel demand projections, as guiding principles in the plan's development; and,

Whereas, the Transit Planning Board has examined other concepts for a regional transit system and have extracted the best of those concepts in arriving at the current Concept 3 draft regional concept vision plan; and

Be it Therefore Resolved, the “Concept 3” plan will need additional refinement and technical work to develop and define individual projects within the system, this Board believes the “Concept 3” plan to be a sound and responsible conceptual vision for transit in the metro region and that it provides a strong foundation upon which to solicit input from the citizens of the metro region so a final vision for a transit system in our region may be completed.

Be it Also Resolved, the Transit Planning Board authorizes release of “Concept 3” as its vision of a conceptual regional transit plan for the purpose of seeking input from stakeholders and the general public so this conceptual draft can ultimately be melded into a final plan for future consideration by this Board; and.

Be it Also Resolved, the Transit Planning Board and staff will continue discussions and refinement of the conceptual vision, its costs, required funding, governance and potential phasing based on comments received from stakeholders, the general public and further technical analysis.

Be it Further Resolved, the Transit Planning Board directs staff to develop the necessary materials, to disseminate information regarding the “Concept 3” plan and its development, potential funding proposals, potential governance structures and any other materials that may aid the various stakeholders and the general public in understanding the strategies employed in developing this conceptual vision of a regional transit plan for the Metro Atlanta area.